

Appl. No. 09/898,878
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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of November 28, 2006, the Applicant submits this Reply. In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration is requested. Claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-14 and 16-18 remain in this application, of which claims 2, 7, 12-14 and 16-18 are independent. Four (4) independent claims were previously paid for; the fee for four (4) additional independent claims may be charged to the undersigned's deposit account.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 6, 11 and 15, all of which are independent, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 in view of U.S. Patent 5,164,839 ("Lang"). The rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of these claims.

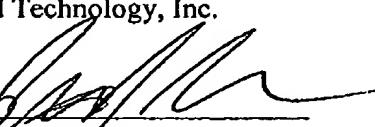
Allowed Claims

Claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-14 and 16-18 were indicated as being in allowable condition if rewritten in independent form. The foregoing amendments place these claims in independent form. Accordingly, these claims should be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, please charge any fee to Deposit Account No. **50-0876**.

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